

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – April 1, 2009**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Vinnie Tremante called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at 7:02pm at Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Diane Cantrell  
Cynthia Franzmann  
Luke Messinger  
Eric Miller  
Laurel Naegele  
Vincent Tremante

**Absent:**

Windy McKenna

In attendance from the City were Tony Collins, Director, and Troy Euton, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Messinger made a **MOTION** to approve the March 4, 2009 meeting minutes; seconded by Naegele. **On roll call vote:** Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Move committee discussion to Old Business  
Add Military Discount to Old Business

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

Tony Collins introduced Dan Farroni, an intern from Ohio University who is working with the department for the summer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Committee's Discussion**

The Board discussed the importance of its committees and that each committee needs to have a tactical, strategic and/or advocacy purpose in order to be an effective committee. If the need for the committee is no longer there; tactical, strategic and/or advocacy purpose, then the committee will no longer be necessary. The Board members on each committee will come back at the next meeting outlining the tactical, strategic and/or advocacy reason for the committee.

Only the sub-committees of this Board will report out under Committee Reports on the agenda. Those committees are: Aquatics Advisory Committee, Bicycle Advisory Committee, Dog Park Advisory Committee and Natural Resources Advisory Committee. The Committees in which Board Members hold seats on will be reported out on under the Poll Members for Comment.

**Military Discount**

Collins stated staff would like to make a recommendation offering a 20% discount for pool and golf memberships for military active duty Gahanna residents and members of their immediate family. At this time staff does not recommend a discount for daily fees due to the practical

implications of managing the process.

Miller made a **MOTION** to adopt the recommendation of the Military Discount to active duty Gahanna residents and members of their immediate family; seconded by Messinger. **On roll call vote:** Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, Franzmann, Yes, Messinger, Yes, and Miller, Yes. **The motion carried 6 – 0.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Aquatics Advisory Committee (AAC) recommendation**

Collins gave the Board staff recommendations for members of the AAC. Seven Gahanna residents have expressed an interest in serving on the committee and all are currently members at one of the two pools. Staff will set the term limits for committee members based upon the committee by-laws.

### **Donation Request**

Franzmann requested on behalf of the Foundation Gala Committee a Family Pool Membership and a Single Golf Membership to be auctioned at the Gala to raise funds for camp scholarships. After some discussion the Board granted the donation request based on the Mission of the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation; which is committed to improving the quality of the Gahanna Parks & Recreation services for a healthier community.

Messinger made a **MOTION** to grant to the Gahanna Park & Recreation Foundation one Family Pool Membership and a Single Golf Membership for the Foundation Gala; seconded by Cantrell. **On roll call vote:** Cantrell, Yes, Franzmann, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, and Tremante, Yes. **The motion carried 6 - 0.**

### **Service to the Community Awards**

The 2009 Service to the Community Awards will be August 14<sup>th</sup> at Friendship Park. The Board discussed award options.

### **Ordinance 563 Park Conduct**

Collins explained that code 563.05 Firearms; Weapons needs updated in order to be in compliance with ORC 2923.125.

Collins explained that code 563.08 Intoxicant and Chance code needs updated in order to be in compliance with park code when a non-profit organization has a special event and gets a temporary alcohol permit from the State for their event. Along with the State alcohol permit the organization also needs authorization from the Director of Parks & Recreation to sell alcohol at the event.

Miller made a **MOTION** to recommend the proposed changes to 563.05 and 563.08; seconded by Franzmann. **On roll call vote:** Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Abstain, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 5- 1 abstaining.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Collins shared the department's highlights from March. The 1909 Day event had approximately 300 people in attendance, the highest attendance ever. Renovations are on schedule with Gahanna Swim Club. The department is looking into relocating the Herb Center to Mill Street. Hannah Park construction is on schedule.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Aquatics Advisory Committee**

Collins stated the committee has not met as of this date.

### **BAC**

Naegele stated that May is bike month and several bicycle classes and events are scheduled. There will be family bike rides once a month from May thru August; dates are listed in the Gateway.

### **DPAC**

Naegele stated the next meeting is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parks & Recreation Foundation**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **NRAC**

Tremante stated the committee walked Price Rd Park and Galloway Reserve. There are some huge cotton wood trees and a couple of nice groves of hickory and sycamore trees. There are some wetland areas and vernal pools on the property.

The next meeting is on April 11<sup>th</sup> and the committee will walk Woodmark Woods. The committee is looking for Grant opportunities for vernal pools.

### **CIC**

No update at this time.

### **Veterans Memorial Committee**

Franzmann stated the meeting is scheduled for April 9, at 7pm.

## **MEMBERS COMMENTS**

No comments

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time the meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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Vinnie Tremante, Chair